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MEN ON MISSION

On The Cover

Pilot Gary Wilser of Raleigh uses aviation as a great tool for missions. See article on page 8.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Loving Jesus More Than Before

As North Carolina Baptists, we are in a five-year partnership with South Africa Baptists. I just returned from South Africa, and there are many exciting things that are happening as a result of our partnership. One of the best things about this and other mission partnerships is what we experience and learn from Christians in other countries.

This past Sunday, while in South Africa, I experienced something about loving Jesus that I hope I never forget. Terry Rae, leader of the South African Baptist Union, invited me to speak at Ivory Park Baptist Church. Ivory Park is a squatters' camp just outside of Johannesburg, South Africa. Squatters' camps are common around large cities in South Africa. Ivory Park was a "planned" squatters' camp, but before they could finish Ivory Park, another "unplanned" squatters' camp had been established directly beside it. It is estimated that between 400,000 and 500,000 people live in these two squatters' camps. Driving through Ivory Park was an eye-opening experience. Terry told me to duck if I heard gun shots. There were some houses that were made of brick and block, but most houses were built of a combination of wood scraps, metal, cardboard or whatever materials could be found in the trash.

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When we arrived at the church, Pastor Gilbert and a number of church members met us. The church is a brick building that is not nearly large enough for the number of people who attend. When the service started, I was amazed at all the children and youth who were there and at all the wonderful music and the spirit in the service. For the next hour and a half, I experienced a powerful worship service. There were testimonies, Zulu and English songs and choruses, prayers from the heart, and reports about the mission church that they are starting in a nearby squatters' camp. These Christians were expressing their love for Jesus in a way that I am not used to experiencing. I've thought much about that worship service this past week, and I am sure that I love Jesus more because I visited Ivory Park Baptist Church. Pray for Ivory Park Baptist Church and the South Africa Partnership.

Richard Brunson

Friends Around the World

RAYMOND EARP, NCBM PRESIDENT

As we drove on the Cedar Island Ferry going to Orcacoke, we noticed a pick-up truck parked beside us with Mama, Daddy, and little girl inside and camping equipment on the back. It was easy to start a conversation with them since we had camped many times in a pick-up truck when our children were growing up. It was there—that distinct accent—it was South African. Before long, we were discussing the fact that we had been to South Africa working near Kruger Park in the mountain village of Matidibi. What a small world to find out that Matidibi was the home of the family of this African mother traveling on the Cedar Island, NC ferry. She was happy to hear about her village and about the work we were doing there. She came to the United States three years ago to get her Ph.D. and longed to hear news from her village. Having two of our grandchildren, Bethany King and Stephen Earp, both seven years old, with us and having a box full of crayons, coloring books, stickers, etc. we spent two and one half hours sharing with our new friend's little girl and talking. The trip to see the Lost Colony and climb the Hatteras Lighthouse was indeed highlighted by meeting our new African friends.

Sometimes our opportunities like this one are missed because we are too busy or too afraid to speak to folks who pass briefly in our lives. A close friend told me a good way to get a conversation started with anyone and it works. Instead of asking questions that can be answered with one or two words such as "What do you do" or Where are you from?" Ask questions such as "Tell me about your job" or Tell me about your children." Now, don't ask questions like this unless you honestly want to spend time with this person! Try this the next time you meet someone new. You will end up with a new friend.

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I was in Ukraine during the Hurricane Bonnie experience. Sasha's mother called him several times to check on him. We experienced very little wind damage and no tide damage. We had to stay in Ukraine an extra day and was rerouted to London because of the strike of Northwest Airlines. Your prayers were appreciated during both the storm and our trip to Ukraine.

Continue to pray for the work of NC Baptist Men. Call me with your new ideas and the projects you are involved in (252) 728–3070.

Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Hope you are making plans to see everyone at the Baptist Men's Convention on January 29–30 in Greensboro.

Raymond Earp

1998 NC Baptist Men Involvement

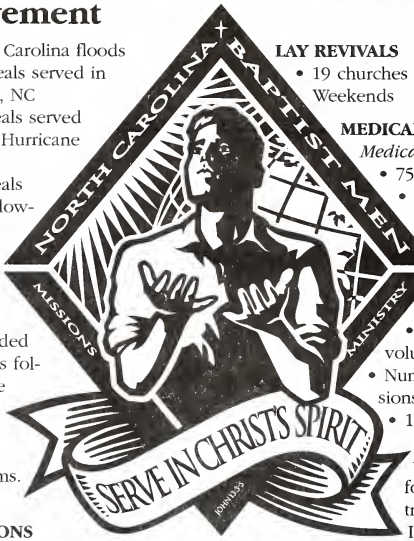
AG MISSIONS
- Ag Demonstration Farm Field Day was held on location near Campbell University in July.

AVIATION MISSIONS
- Enlisted over 160 pilots and 12 non-pilots in NC expressing interest in helping to develop this ministry
- NCBM pilots have flown over 50 patients to and from hospitals through flight requests received from Angel Flight of Mid Atlantic and have coordinated four of our own mission flights.
- Three from this ministry went to Papau, New Gunia to help reassemble an airplane.
- Aviation Fuel Fund has been established to received donations to assist with mission flights. Over $850 has been contributed.
- Enrolled and provided orientation for over 25 co-pilots during this year.

CAMPS/Royal Ambassadors
- 1,169 boys attended Camp Caraway this summer with 73 professions of faith and 323 rededications
- 76 participated in a week of Christian High Adventure
- 296 attended the State Lad/Crusader Camporee
- Over 1,100 attended the RA Congresses.
- 246 participated in the state RA Track Meet.
- 250 participated in Missions Boot Camp at Caswell with 25 professions of faith and 10 rededications.
- 100 participated in Missions Boot Camp at Gardner-Webb with five professions of faith and 20 rededications.

CORRECTIONAL MINISTRY
- 89 boys with a parent in prison attended Camp Angel Tree at Camp Caraway as a result of scholarships & transportation provided by Baptists;
- 24 of these boys made professions of faith at camp.

DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE
- 15,000 meals served during western North Carolina floods
- 15,000 meals served in Stoneville, NC
- 32,000 meals served following Hurricane Bonnie
- 35,000 meals served following Hurricane Georges
- Recovery assistance was provided in all areas following the response of the Disaster Relief teams.



FAMILY FOUNDATIONS
- Father/Son and Father/Daughter Retreats were held at Caswell
- 19 attended Camp Kid-Care at Caraway for children who are HIV positive or who have a family member who is.

HOMELAND PROJECTS
- New Hope in Christ Church, Morganton
- Good Shepherd of Christ Church, Elizabethtown
- Friendship Church, Greensboro
- Loves Creek Hispanic Mission, Siler City
- NC Baptist Assembly Renovation
- Camp Mundo Vista Renovation
- Camp Caraway Projects

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
Volunteers were in the following countries in 1998:
- Ukraine — 175
- South Africa — 330
- Prague, Czech Republic — 55
- England — 14
- Germany — 134
- China — 5
- India — 25
- Cuba — 1
- Puerto Rico — 200

LAY RENEWAL WEEKENDS
- 26 churches hosting Renewal Weekends

LAY REVIVALS
- 19 churches hosting Revival Weekends

MEDICAL MISSIONS
Medical Dental Bus:
- 75 locations
- 1,700 patients
- 600 medical professionals (doctors, dentists, nurses)
- 1,200 other volunteers
- Numerous professions of faith
- 18 Medical/Dental Teams were in the following countries: Ukraine; India; China; South Africa

OPERATION INASMUCH
- 53 Volunteers received training to learn how to coordinate this project in their church

RESORT AND LEISURE
- Five "Fishers of Men" Bass Tournaments with 16 professions of faith.

SPORTS IN MISSION
- Five Sports Evangelism teams (56) went to South Africa, Ukraine, and Zimbabwe to use basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, and volleyball as a means to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There are over 500 recorded professions of faith.

YOUTH WORK PROJECTS
- 150 participated in the World Changers Preparation Weekend.
- 15 participated in the Challengers Work weekend
- 310 youth and leaders participated in Operation Yahweh, involving outreach and construction.

Baptist Men's Day is Sunday Jan. 24, 1999

The fourth Sunday in January is always designated Baptist Men's Day on the Southern Baptist calendar. The observance of Baptist Men's Day this year falls on January 24. This special day for Baptist men has a rich heritage, which was begun in 1933. If January 24 is not a convenient date for Baptist Men's Day, reschedule this emphasis later in your church.

Baptist Men's Day is an opportunity to build the worship services around the laymen of the church. Too often they are neglected and the contributions they make to the life of the church ignored. Make this a special day for them. By doing so, the church family is strengthened. Remember that one of the greatest needs of our society today is for strong male role models.

To kick off Baptist Men's Day weekend, consider planning a Saturday morning breakfast followed by a wood splitting or hands-on missions project on the day before Baptist Men's Day.

Work with your pastor to plan the Baptist Men's Day service. Recognize one or two outstanding men in your church. Present them with a certificate of appreciation or a recognition plaque.

Include as many men in both services as possible. Go beyond having them take up the collection, distribute bulletins, and usher. Have them read Scripture passages, lead congregational singing, and participate in a men's choir.

The service could be built around men sharing testimonies of their missions involvement. Give at least three men five minutes each to share about their personal ministries. Be sure to include participants from church mission projects in other cities, as well as individuals who have become active locally in specific ministries.

A new Baptist Men's music video is available through the NC Baptist Men's office. To order your free copy of this inspirational video as well as Baptist Men's Day planning ideas contact: NC Baptist Men at (800) 395–5102, ext. 331.

Mission Statement

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help N.C. churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

- *enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities*
- *encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries*
- *educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities*
- *teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions*
- *lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.*

Dormitory in South China to be Refurbished

Dates: April 1999

The aim is to help the International China Concern in preparing a building for occupancy by children early in 1999. There is very little in heavy construction. The building is in fair shape. It needs a face-lift, general repair and paint. Bathrooms, electrical connections, and some plumbing work will be involved. The building has been made available through the auspices of the Coal Industry Bureau of the government. This could be the chance of a lifetime. If you feel a leaning in this direction, don't let this opportunity slip past you! Our Master does in strange ways, at times, bring His will to pass in our lives.

If you feel that this effort to reach out and help these Chinese children to develop to their full potential is for you, PLEASE give Archie Jones a call at (336) 751–0747 or E-mail: valejo@juno.com

The following information on China is provided by Electronic Operation World.

- China—People's Republic of China
- Area: 3,705,751 square miles (9,597,905 square kilometers).
- Third largest state in the world, also containing the highest mountains and plateau in the world.
- Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao have separate governments, although Mainland Chinese regard them as an integral part of China.
- The largest nation in the world with 21.3 percent of the world's population.
- The Chinese have one of the world's oldest continuous civilizations, spanning some 5,000 years. This great and ancient nation has regained its place of importance in the world after nearly two centuries of decline and humiliation.
- In 1997 the British returned Hong Kong to China and in 1999 the Portuguese Macao.
- China's population is the largest in the world, with approximately 1.2 billion people. Fifty-five minorities make up eight percent of the population; 15 of these groups include more than one million people: Zhuang, Mongolian, Hui, Tibetan, Uygur, Miao, Yi, Buyi, Korean, Manchu, Dong, Yao, Bai, Tujia, and Hani nationalities.
- While 72 percent of all Chinese live in rural areas, urban population density often rises to more than 3,000 people per square mile. Rural people generally have little access to the resources necessary to enjoy a decent standard of living.

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Mission Fair Exhibits

Serving

Drama

Christ

Mission Action Conferences

at

Music

Home

Tony Campolo

and

Kyle Matthews

Around

Taylor Field

the

Jeff Smith

World

Jim Royston

1999 North Carolina
Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention

January, 29-30, 1999
First Church, Greensboro

The meeting is open to all Baptist men and women

Key Program Speakers

Tony Campolo

Writer, Speaker
Saint Davids, Pennsylvania

Taylor Field

Pastor/Director of "Graffiti" Ministry
New York, NY

Kyle Matthews

Composer, Musician
Nashville, TN

Jim Royston

Executive Director/ Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Jeff Smith

Drama Specialist
Salt and Light Ministries
Richmond, VA

A Sample of Mission Action Conferences

- Disaster Relief/ Recovery
- Youth Missions Opportunities
- Handyman Ministry
- Inner City Ministry
- Sports in Missions
- Habitat for Humanity
- Homeland/Construction Projects
- Aviation Ministry
- Ag Missions
- Prison Ministry
- Baptist Nursing Fellowship
- World Changers Projects
- World Changers Express
- Migrant Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Leisure Ministry
- Creative Arts in Ministry
- AIDS Ministry
- Military Ministry
- Operation Inas Much
- Golf Ministry
- Fair Ministry
- Lay Renewal Ministry
- Sharing Your Faith/Evangelism
- Challengers Conference
- Royal Ambassadors Conference
- International Mission Opportunities
- WMU Conference
- Rest Stop Ministry
- Praying for the Unreached World
- Missions in South Africa
- Medical Dental Mission Projects

Schedule

Friday Evening, January 29
First Church, Greensboro

5:00 to 7:00	**Supper:** highlighting work of International Missions Volunteers
7:30 to 9:15	Opening General Session featuring Tony Campolo - "Serving Christ ...in My Family"

Saturday Morning, January 30
First Church, Greensboro

9:00 to 11:00	General Session featuring Taylor Field - "Serving Christ...in My Community" and Jim Royston - "Serving Christ...in North Carolina"
11:10 to 12:00	**Mission Action Conferences**
12:00 Noon	**Lunch** Box lunch served from the Disaster Relief Unit (Suggested donation of $3 or more per person)
12:00 to 3:00	View **Mission Fair Exhibits**
1:00 to 1:50	**Mission Action Conferences**
2:00 to 2:50	**Mission Action Conferences**
3:00 to 5:00	**General Session** featuring Tony Campolo - "Serving Christ...in Our World"
5:00 to 7:00	**Supper:** highlighting the work of volunteers in the local church Convention concludes with supper on Saturday evening

Hotel Reservations

The hotels below have agreed to give a special Convention rate for the Baptist Missions Conference/ Baptist Men's Convention. You will need to make your own hotel reservation directly with the hotel of your choice. A free continental breakfast is included with any of the hotels that are listed below. Be sure to ask for the special Baptist State Convention rate. Please make your reservation by January 8, 1999. Other hotels are available in the Greensboro area, and you should feel free to choose any you like:

Amerisuites (336) 852-1443
Exit 214 off of I-40 (Wendover)
$59 plus tax per room

Comfort Inn (336) 294-6220
Exit 217 off of I-40 (Four Seasons)
$59 plus tax per room

Park Lane Hotel (336) 294-4565
Exit 217 off of I-40 (Four Seasons)
$79 plus tax per room

Reservation Form

NC Baptist Missions Conference & Baptist Men's Convention

Complete and return by January 17. Please make check payable to NC Baptist Men and mail to PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Church _____ Association _____

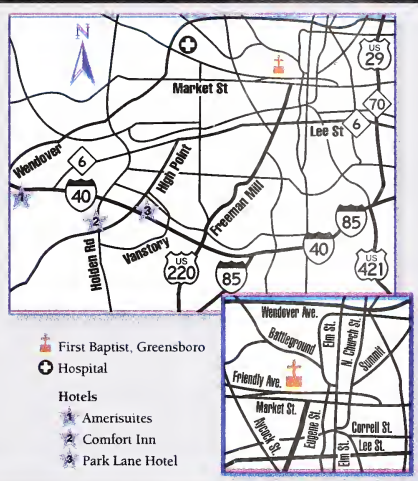
_____ @ $7.50 per person - Friday supper

_____ @ $7.50 per person - Saturday supper

$ _____ Total Enclosed

No registration fee will be charged
Offering will be received to offset expenses.

Greensboro Map



First Baptist, Greensboro
Hospital

Hotels
1. Amerisuites
2. Comfort Inn
3. Park Lane Hotel

Cost

No registration fee will be charged. An offering will be received to help offset the program expense.

$7.50 Friday Supper: focusing on International Volunteer Mission Projects

Donations received in meal line for Saturday lunch

$7.50 Saturday Supper: focusing on local church volunteers

Forest Hills Church Royal Ambassadors hold meeting at Raleigh Airport

Curtis Weaver, RA Director at Forest Hills Church in Raleigh, contacted NCBM Aviation Ministry pilot, Gary Wilser, asking if he could bring his RA chapter to the airport for a mission lesson about the new Baptist Men's Aviation Ministry. Gary is a certified flight instructor at the airport and gives lessons to student pilots. Instead of having the September RA meeting at the church, it was moved to the conference room of Raleigh Flying Service, a FBO (fixed base operation) at the Raleigh-Durham Airport. The Forest Hills group consists of 25 RAs and seven adults and counselors.

The meeting featured a talk by Pilot Wilser, explaining what the NCBM Aviation Ministry is about and how they work with Angel Flight of Mid-Atlantic to fly needy patients to hospitals where they can get special medical treatments that were not available at their local hospitals.

Pilot Wilser also showed a short video interview with another NCBM pilot, Charles Mullen, and his recent mission flight. Both Wilser and Mullen have made several flights for patients since the ministry started only a few years ago.

After answering the RAs questions about this ministry and airplanes, they were taken into the hangers where the aircraft are kept. Each boy had a chance to sit in a Cessna 182 aircraft and operate the controls as Gary explained how the controls worked and what each did during flight. The meeting was closed with prayer asking God to bless the pilots, the RAs and their leaders.

Gary received letters from the boys telling what each liked best about the trip. Curtis said it was a meeting that the RAs will not forget. Maybe some will think about becoming pilots for the Aviation Ministry when they grow up.

North Carolina Baptist Men Pilot, Deac Heath, makes Angel Flight to Daytona, Florida.

On May 21st., Deac Heath of Banner Elk, NC, flew to Charlotte, NC to pick up patient Lauren Nicole Albinson. Lauren is six months old

and was having special laser surgery for an ulcerated birthmark on her stomach, a procedure specialized at the Charlotte hospital, but not available in her hometown. After several attempts at her hometown hospital, her doctor suggested she be sent to Charlotte where Lauren received help for her problem.

Lauren's mother, Lynn Albinson, had to quit her job and spend 24 hours a day caring for her. This left them with only her father's income, so the transportation cost was out of the question. That is where Angel Flight stepped in and sent our a flight request to volunteer pilots to help with the necessary trip. Deac agreed to make this flight, using his Moony M20C aircraft.

Deac said that this trip is what Angel Flight and NCBM Aviation Ministry is all about. He said as he held Lauren, that she was his first little angel and it was a joy to be able to be involved in such a worthwhile Christian ministry.

Bob Foy
State Aviation Ministry Coordinator
2323 The Plaza
Charlotte, NC 28205
(704) 664-6422 Home

Greetings from Puerto Rico

At this writing, it is October 5 and a Disaster Relief cooking team is serving meals in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. We have been here one week and still have one week to go. This is one of the most unusual settings that any of this Disaster Relief team has ever found ourselves in.

We were asked by the North American Mission Board to get a team ready to come to Puerto Rico to operate a fly-away kitchen that was in San Juan. God assembled the team in about 24 hours and we were on alert for four days. On Sunday morning, September 27, we flew to San Juan. On Tuesday, we gathered our kitchen and came to Arecibo to set up at Primera Iglesia Beutesta de Arecibo. The church welcomed us with open arms and gave us all the support they could. We started cooking on Wednesday and served 450 meals with a little wok and a generator. Water supply and power continued to come and go. Food was brought in on Thursday and in abundance, but drinks, water, and juice were slow in arriving. On Sunday, the meal count went to over 1,500. We were cooking for two additional sites. We had access to cots, mattresses, and fans, and a motel room 20 minutes away where the team could shower.

The temperature was over 100 degrees each day, but even with these conditions, the spirit among our workers was awesome. We were there as a team, worked as a team, and suffered as a team. Communication conditions were bad. Cell phones disconnected after about one minute, but we were able to get what was necessary to operate. We were the first SBC kitchen to be up and running. One fly-away kitchen was lost. The crew was there but no kitchen for operation.

This is the first time that NC Baptist Men have been asked to go outside the United States to feed. This has been a great honor and blessing for us. The team that is here now has represented NC Baptists to Puerto Rico in a Christian, loving way that would make all NC Baptists proud. But let us not forget the unsung heroes who have stayed at home and prayed, kept children, looked after homes, pets, etc. so those who came would be able to go. All of us can be involved in missions in some form whether through prayer, money, keeping home fires burning, or encouragement.

This year, 1998, has been a busy year in disaster relief. With Spring floods, tornados, and hurricanes, we have fed around 95,000 meals so far. Bridges and homes have been repaired; volunteers have been trained. Our volunteers have answered the call above and beyond to serve Christ and meet victim's needs. I thank God for the volunteers we have and their dedication to their calling.

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to a dear friend who went home to be with the Lord on September 25, 1998. Allen Norman was a disaster relief team member from Sylva, NC. He was 70 years old and had been in bad health for the last two years. Allen's first mission trip was to Florida following Hurricane Andrew. With tears in his eyes, he told me that we have to come back. He did and even went on to Illinois during the floods of 1993 and to Fort Caswell and to Camp Truett to do repair work. I shall remember him for all the work he did in our community for the widows, elderly, and anyone in need. He would go out in the middle of the night to repair a furnace for someone in need at no charge. He had a burden to help the young and old, hungry, tired, and needy. He was my greatest supporter, encourager, and hero. He set an example for all of us. Above all, Allen remained a humble man.

Lyman Fisher
State Disaster Relief Coordinator
1679 Blanton Branch Road
Sylva, NC 28779
(828) 586-5405

Homeland Missions Projects

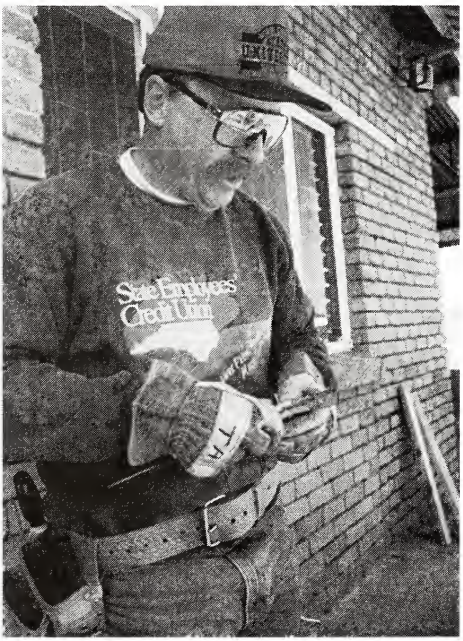
The leaves have fallen and another winter has come. These are good days when your Baptist Men's group can get involved in another mission project. There are several opportunities for you to help with the construction of churches and other projects across the state. Some of the current projects are:

Church of the Good Shepherd Spanish Mission, Elizabethtown

Mack Roberts and the people of Bladen Association have done a wonderful job of coordinating this project. Work has moved along well and the building is now in the finishing stages. Please call Mack Roberts, director of missions, at (910) 862–3496 to schedule a time for your men to help finish this project.

Loves Creek Hispanic Mission, Siler City

This building has been dried in and help is needed for rough-in of HVAC, electrical, and plumbing. This is a wood frame building and help is also needed to install the vinyl siding. Call Roy Helms at (919) 742–4821 (church) or (919) 742–4298 (home) to schedule a time for your men to help with this project. David Ritten is the on-site coordinator and he can be reached at (919) 742–4575. Work on this project will continue as God provides the funds for materials.



Mundo Vista, Asheboro

Work is continuing on the cabins at this camp. Two units have been completed, two units are now in various stages of completion and one unit has not been started. There are opportunities for all kinds of work from digging footings to finish carpentry work. To arrange a time for your men to work on this project, call Bob Wainwright at (919) 693–5004 or Bob Navey at (336) 625–4828. With significant participation, we can finish this project this winter and spring. Come help us.

NC Baptist Assembly, Caswell

Hurricane Bonnie caused about $750,000 in damage to the buildings at Caswell. At the time of this writing, Rick Holbrook and his staff are negotiating with the insurance company for settlement of the claims. Renovation work will continue through the winter and spring months. This is a wonderful place to take your Baptist Men's group to work for a week or a weekend. When you work, you can sleep free and meals are provided at a nominal cost. Call David Lloyd or John Bowling at (910) 278–9501 and schedule a time for your men to go and help.

Joshua House, Western Carolina Rescue Mission, Asheville

This project is the construction of a 6,000-plus square foot, two-story building to house homeless men from the Asheville area. As this project continues, it provides an opportunity for men in the western part of the state to go on a mission project close to home. Call David Hayes at (828) 254–0471 to schedule a time for your men to work.

New Directions Ministries, Mars Hill

This project involves the construction of a youth house at a 150 acre rehabilitation farm for troubled youth. Projects for the fall will include interior trim and dry walling, among others. Construction of another youth home (2,000 square feet) will begin next spring. Please contact David Walls at (828) 658–2911.

Stay tuned for other upcoming events. We will continue to initiate new projects as we get requests.

Bill Poindexter
State Homeland Missions Coordinator
PO Box 555
Pittsboro, NC 27312
(919) 542–3819

Testimonial

BY DOUG EWING, LAY REVIVAL COORDINATOR, BELMONT

During the past several years, there has been a lot of bad news. Our country appears to be falling apart. Our communities are on the brink of disaster. Our children are afraid to go to school for fear of being shot. The media is full of bad news. Many people are asking, Is there an answer? Well, friend, there is an answer—there is hope! There is Good News! The answer, as it has always been, is in Jesus Christ. Christ can make a difference and so can you. People need to hear the Good News that Jesus saves.

Lay people can make a difference. One way is by having a Lay Witness Revival Weekend in your church. This is when a team of men and women will work hand-in-hand with the pastor, teaching members in the local church how to share their testimony and the gospel with those who need to hear. A Lay Revival Weekend is a great encourager to the local church and to its members. It helps to overcome a lot of barriers. Any one of our 14 Lay Witnessing Revival ministry coordinators across the state would be glad to come to your church, sit down with you and your pastor, and share the details and testimonies about what Lay Witness Weekend Revivals have done in other churches. We have seen how God has worked in people's lives through being a witness/soul-winner and how churches have been set on fire for God.

Steps to scheduling a Lay Revival in your church:

- Contact Ed Bullock, (800) 395–5102, ext. 562 or (910) 739–6336; Lynn Tharrington (800) 395–5102, ext. 325 or (919) 467–5100, ext. 325. Ask for information and maybe suggest possible dates.
- Receive an application. Complete and return it to the scheduling office at the Baptist State Convention.
- Expect a call from a BLWF Consultant/Coordinator.
- Make the preparations as suggested by the guidelines and the consultant/coordinator.
- Follow the cooperative leadership of the coordinator and the pastor in preparation and during the Lay Revival Weekend.
- Evaluate the weekend. Work at continuing the witnessing dynamics shared by the team.

If we can help you in any way, please contact us. To receive more information you can also visit the Baptist Lay Witnessing Foundation (Lay Revival) booth at the State Evangelism Conference, Calvary Church, Winston-Salem on January 11–12, 1999 and at the Baptist Missions Conference/Men's Convention, First Church, Greensboro on January 29–30, 1999.

Don Greene
State Lay Revival Coordinator
1043 12th Ave., NW, #2A
Hickory, NC 28601–3393
(828) 267–2133

Check out the Church Renewal Journey

Some of the Church Renewal Journey categories that North Carolina lay people can come to your church and give you assistance with are: **Church Renewal, Ministry Evangelism, Experiencing God, Discipling Weekend, Kingdom Building, Lay Witness Training**.

Which one do you need first? That really depends on where you are as you experience your own journey. The pastor, coordinator, and church leadership will make that decision. Not only will you decide where to begin, but you will also choose the continuing Journey steps.

How do you request Lay Renewal? Ask for an application and information by checking the appropriate box on page 23. You may also call the Baptist State Convention, (800) 395-5102, or (919) 467–5100, ext. 325 for Lynn Tharrington, or ext. 562 for Ed Bullock. After contact has been made, a consultant/coordinator will be selected and this person will meet with the pastor and church leadership. Dates will be established, materials ordered, and preparation will continue until the time of the Lay Renewal Weekend.

Please make contact if you are interested.

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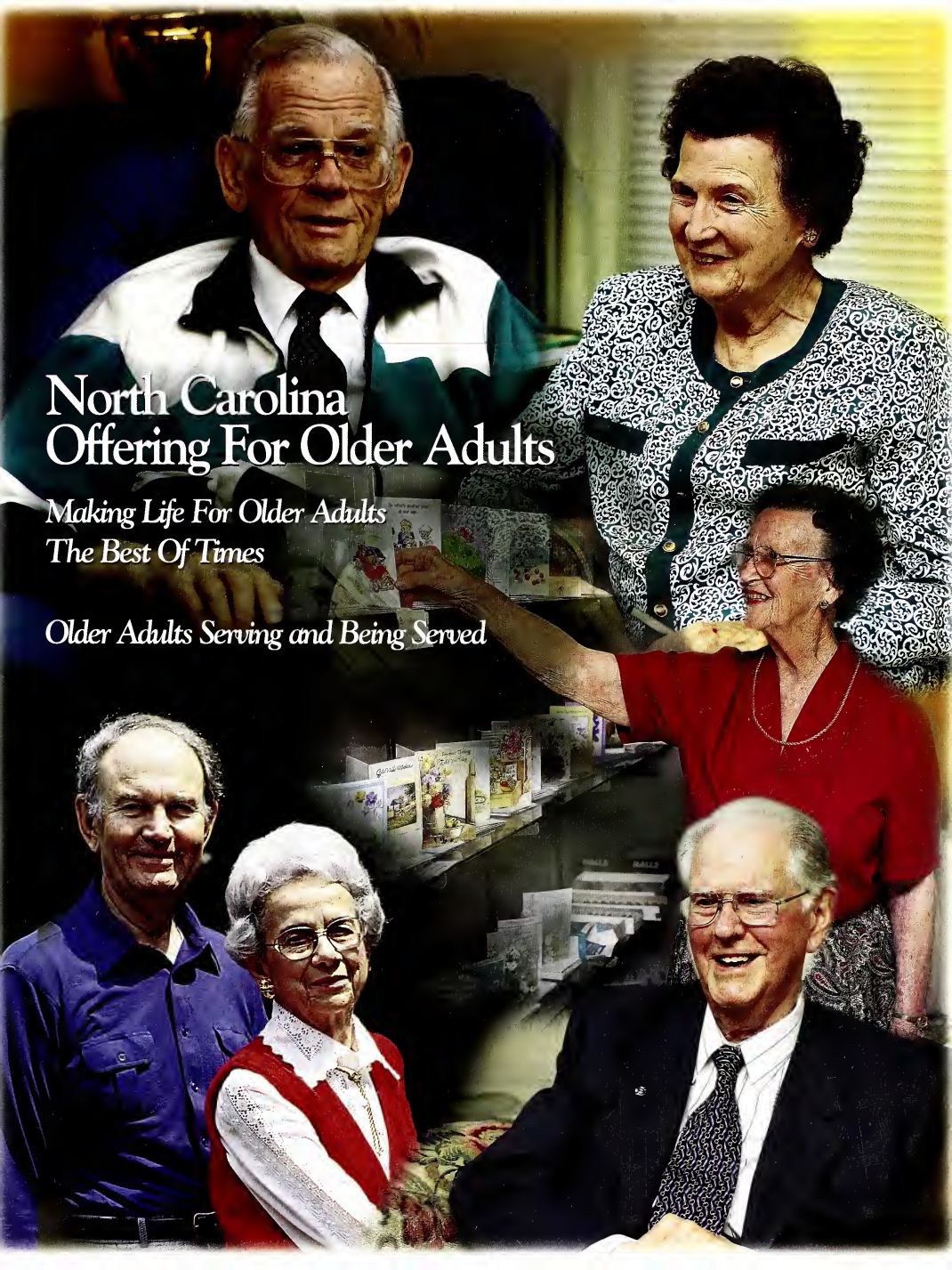

North Carolina Offering For Older Adults

Making Life For Older Adults The Best Of Times

Older Adults Serving and Being Served

Older Adults Serving and Being Served

One of our Baptist Retirement Homes' residents loves to garden. One morning in late fall, he drove up to a friend's house unannounced. He didn't go to the door, but began looking over the friend's rose bed. "What are you doing?" his friend asked, going outside to meet him.

"Oh, I didn't think you'd be home! I just drove by here the other day and noticed you hadn't had the chance to trim your rosebushes for winter. Thought I could help you out."

Our spiritual gifts are the gifts God gives us to give to others.

In the pages that follow, you'll read about several Baptist Retirement Homes' residents who have given of their spiritual gifts, through service to others:

- John and Laura Lawrence, who together planted their lives in the ministry of local churches and gave of themselves in leadership positions through the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Lloyd Thayer, who along with his wife, Georgia, guided young people and adults through public school teaching and administration, leadership in the local church, and strengthening Baptist institutions.
- Miriam Burchette, who felt a call to special service early on in life and ministered with her husband, Charlie, to congregations throughout North Carolina.
- Anne and Mack McDonald, who have offered a willing ear and wise counsel to their many contacts through church, work and volunteer activities.

We all can make a difference in the lives of others and have been given the privilege of participating through the church in service.

Through gifts to Baptist Retirement Homes, North Carolina Baptists care for many aging saints in our state who cannot afford to pay for the institutional services they need to make their later years secure.

Your generous gifts have allowed the "Homes" to offer care to those in need, as well as to expand and maintain its range of services to Older Adults and their families. With four retirement homes in North Carolina – the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, the Taylor House in Albemarle and the Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton – Baptist Retirement Homes serves Baptist Older Adults throughout the state.

The goal for this year's North Carolina Offering for Older Adults is $450,000. All of the gifts received through the Offering will be used to help underwrite the cost of care for Older Adults with financial need. Please know that your generous support will help the "Homes" make life for the Older Adults it serves... "The Best Of Times."

An Interview With Miriam Burchette

Miriam Burchette was born in Winston-Salem and grew up in the First Baptist Church of that city. In 1935-36, when Brown Memorial Baptist and First Baptist merged, Miriam met her future husband, Charlie. Miriam remembers, "When the two churches merged, so did Charlie and I! We had met growing up but really got to know each other at BYPU." Miriam and Charlie were married and left soon thereafter for Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, where Charlie received a degree in theology and Miriam received her "mama" degree with the birth of the first of their two children, John and Mary Bradsher.

"I felt a call to special service early on in my life and being a minister's wife felt just right," says Miriam. "And our life was full of opportunities and privileges! Throughout our various ministries, Charlie and I were a team; he never relegated me to the sidelines."

Their first year out of seminary, they moved to Gastonia, where Charlie was Minister of Music and Education at a local church, followed by a time in Washington, D.C., where Charlie served as Associate Pastor of still another Baptist church. During that time, Charlie was called to preach. Their first church was in Bladenboro, N.C., where Charlie was the pastor for seven years. From Bladenboro, Charlie pastored in Kernersville for seven years, worked for Baptist Retirement Homes for two years, pastored in Coolemee for 10 years and concluded his career by serving as Director of Missions for the Tar River Association for seven years. The majority of the 43 churches comprising the Tar River Association were pastored by seminary students, thus allowing Charlie to become the "pastor for the pastors." Finally, they retired to Winston-Salem and joined the Ardmore Baptist Church.

"Throughout our various ministries, I always taught Sunday School at all our churches," says Miriam. "Later I traveled throughout North Carolina leading Sunday School workshops for the Baptist State Convention. At Ardmore, I taught Sunday School for many years, served as a Deacon in the church, as well as Moderator and Vice-Moderator."

Today, Miriam serves as President of the Brookridge Resident Council and is the volunteer manager of the Brookridge resident store. Each week she plans the staffing and maintains the store's stock of greeting cards, gift items and other supplies. And, each month, she and several other volunteers are responsible for the monthly Pilot Mountain Baptist Association mailing of approximately 3,000 pieces.

"I am fortunate to be active and to be associated with others who are active. I think we should find opportunities for service and invite others to participate. There are so many things we Older Adults can do such as calling or visiting shut-ins or sending cards of support to friends. You never retire from your responsibility to the Lord."

Ministry

An Interview With John and Laura Lawrence

Fear not little flock, for it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32
... watchword from the Lawrence's first pastorate, Little Flock Baptist Church

"I didn't know when I married John that he would be a minister," says Laura Lawrence.

"She was destined to be a minister's wife," replies John Lawrence.

From their introduction through the North Carolina Baptist Student Union...to their pastorates at Little Flock Baptist Church in Kentucky, Sunset Park in Wilmington, First Baptist in Shelby and Forest Hills in Raleigh...to their service through the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, including two terms as President of the Convention...to their service via the Southern Baptist Convention – John's numerous positions including service on the Home Mission Board and ten years as a Trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Laura's service as President of the Pastors Wives Association – the Lawrences have been led by God every step of the way.

"I would be the first to call myself an unlikely candidate for the position of the first full-time Baptist Student Union Director for the Baptist State Convention. I wasn't very active in B.S.U. while a student. I had no formal theological training. And, I was a practicing lawyer." But, with the encouragement of others, John began work on December 1, 1940 with great enthusiasm. His first talk was at Mars Hill College with the text: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62)

During their active ministry, the Lawrences held key positions of responsibility even as they led strong churches. Still for many they are best thought of for the personal touch they have made and continue to make on individual lives. As one pastor says, "John cares for you but he doesn't coddle you, and he is always there to prop you up on your leaning side." All who know Laura recognize her as a person who warms the hearts of everyone. Their family certainly agrees; they are cherished by their son, John Jr., daughter-in-law, Dale, and grandchildren Brooke, Kate, Jane and John.

In 1982, after living in pastoriums all of their ministry, John and Laura faced the challenge of retirement. Where should they live? The old home town? Near the children? The answer came during a Baptist State Convention meeting in Fayetteville with the announcement of the plan for independent living on the Baptist Retirement Homes campus in Winston-Salem.

John and Laura were fortunate to lease one of the few remaining independent living apartments that were being built. But retirement didn't mean 'holing up' or withdrawing from society. "Quite the contrary," says Laura. "Then and now, there is a great opportunity for continuing ministry. There is opportunity to minister on campus among the infirm in the Prince Center...or lead in Sunday School services...or serve on committees...or volunteer in one of the many community organizations... thus 'giving' even as you are 'receiving.'"

"Even though Older Adults can't do everything they used to do, they still need love and involvement in life," says John Lawrence. "Behind every one there's a story... a rich story that needs to be heard."

An Interview With Lloyd Thayer

For Lloyd Thayer, a retired school superintendent and teacher, choosing a career in education was an easy decision. "I come from a family of educators – my mother, my father and my aunts were teachers!"

So, it's no surprise that Lloyd started school at age five, earned an Associate Degree from Wingate College at age 17, graduated from Wake Forest at 19 and began teaching seventh grade at age 20. "My first year teaching, I made $90 a month. The second year, the state took over the school and reduced my pay to $72.50 a month!"

Lloyd went on to have a long and illustrious career. He earned his Masters in Education from Wake Forest University and Doctorate in Education from UNC-Chapel Hill. After serving for years as a teacher and principal, Lloyd became Associate Superintendent In Charge of Instruction in High Point. "I liked that role because it kept me close to the students and the programs."

But Lloyd's career as a teacher hasn't been limited to children and adolescents. He taught the Men's Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church in High Point for 48 years, plus served as chairman of the deacons and countless other committee chairmanship roles over the years. When asked how the church has ministered to him, Thayer responded, "The church provides an organized method for serving the Lord. It provides an opportunity to serve and concentrate on Biblical themes. And, being a deacon helped me understand how to be a role model."

Lloyd certainly is a role model. He co-authored a public school administration book now in its eleventh printing, was elected President of the North Carolina Education Association, President of the State Division of Principals and President of the Horace Mann League. Most recently, after serving for many years as a Trustee of Wingate University and Chairman of their Board of Trustees, he was named a Life Trustee of the University. The Lloyd Y. and Georgia G. Thayer Scholarship Fund was also established to honor Lloyd and his late wife, Georgia. Lloyd and Georgia formed a wonderful partnership in service. "My wife and I traveled the world and had a wonderful time bouncing ideas off each other," says Lloyd. Georgia Thayer was also an educator and state representative for the North Carolina Elementary Division of Principals.

"Making a commitment to serve the church and community is without a doubt one of the most rewarding aspects of life." Today, Lloyd continues to serve. Since moving to Brookridge in 1991, Lloyd has maintained an active interest in his church. "Even though our youth has passed," so says Thayer, "Older Adults still have much to offer. It's never too late to start!"

Ministry

An Interview With Anne and Virgil "Mack" McDonald

Anne and Mack
have been brightening the lives of those who know them at Brookridge since they retired there in 1989, a gift that seems to come as naturally to this couple as their welcoming smiles.

Anne and Mack met on a blind date set up by their roommates. Anne was in school at Campbell University, then Campbell College, and Mack was in school at North Carolina State University. "I was planning to transfer to Wake Forest, but I met Mack and decided he was a better deal." Anne and Mack settled in Raleigh. Mack worked for Carolina Power and Light, where he stayed for 30 years, and Anne was the financial secretary for the Tabernacle Baptist Church, where she and Mack attended. In that position, Anne got to know the folks at the Baptist State Convention office and learned of their plans to build a new facility. "One day when we were riding to work, I told Mack 'I want to be the receptionist at the new convention building.' A year and a half later when the building was completed, I got the job!"

Anne's a people person and wanted to serve where she could enjoy and help others. "I was there for 30 years and four months. Sometimes people would come in very troubled. I was always there to listen. And often they just needed someone to hear them out."

Anne and Mack find this very true with Older Adults. "They need someone to listen, so they can relate the things they've done in their lives and feel that someone cares," says Mack. "When we first moved to Brookridge, I started helping a friend who was in the nursing care center with his meals. I've just been helping out ever since." Anne cared for her father in their home until his death.

Mack's and Anne's caring natures touch many people, not just at Brookridge. In addition to volunteer work at Brookridge, Mack works with Mountain Outreach, a home-building program directed by Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Mack became involved in the program through College Park Baptist Church, where Mack and Anne are members. Each year, the college screens applicants and selects a family, then the church builds a home for them. Mack and others from the church have built ten homes – from start to finish in one week – in the last ten years.

"The greatest thing about all our work is that it's a service," says Anne. Anne likes to visit and cook for folks when they're under the weather. Mack likes to listen to others and helps everyone at Brookridge with their maintenance chores. They both believe that it's the little things that count. "Yes, it takes a little patience and a little time. But that means a lot."

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Older Adults Serving and Being Served

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

"The body is a unit, though it be made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:4-6,12

Spiritually sensitive Older Adults are a treasure within the body of Christ.

Their wisdom and encouragement validate the axiom, "In youth we know; in age we understand." Older Adults bring wisdom learned through successes. They bring understanding learned through failures. They bring faith for the future built on the experiences of the past.

Active older adults provide a great resource for service. In fact, many Older Adult groups adopt the name "XYZ Club" which means Extra Years of Zest. The following are a few suggestions from Luther Osment, assistant to the president of Baptist Retirement Homes, of ways Older Adults might serve and be served.

Many journeying mission service groups are comprised in large number of Older Adults who are:

- Constructing, renovating and/or repairing houses
- Conducting mission Vacation Bible Schools and Backyard Bible clubs
- Assisting mission churches through outreach ministries, surveys and evangelistic efforts
- Participating with the Baptist State Convention, the North American Mission Board and the International Mission Board in both short-term and long-term mission projects.

Older Adults can also serve in their home communities. Project ideas include:

- Sponsor "In As Much ..." ministries in needy neighborhoods
- Assist the handicapped and very elderly with "handyman" needs
- Become a "grand-friend" for a latch-key child
- Read or write letters for the visually handicapped
- Provide shopping transportation for those who cannot drive
- Run errands for shut-ins
- Visit new residents with materials from the church and information from the Chamber of Commerce
- Become a literacy tutor
- Organize an "Angel Tree" project providing Christmas presents for prison inmates to give to their children
- Assist with special projects and needs in the church office
- Prepare the monthly associational newsletter for distribution
- Assist the local food bank in receiving, stocking and organizing food for distribution
- Help out at the local nursing home
- Maintain contact with the "out-of-sight" and "out-of-mind" shut-ins in the community
- Provide respite assistance for those serving as at-home care providers for shut-ins.

1999 North Carolina Offering For Older Adults

February 7-14, 1999

Making Life For Older Adults The Best Of Times

This year, the Week of Prayer articles focus on Older Adult residents at Baptist Retirement Homes who have served North Carolina Baptists with their time, love and generous spirits. Baptist Retirement Homes' four retirement centers in North Carolina, along with its numerous community-based services, offer Baptist Older Adults retirement living options and services especially suited to meet their needs and those of their families:

- **Independent Living** for active Older Adults who want a lifestyle full of activities in an enjoyable and secure setting, yet free of the worries and trouble of home maintenance
- **Assisted Independent Living and Assisted Living** for Older Adults who need assistance with daily living activities, such as housekeeping, dressing, medications and meals
- **Nursing Care** for Older Adults who need the supervision of nursing professionals on a regular basis, but do not need to be hospitalized
- **Special Services** to promote aging with comfort, autonomy and dignity for Older Adults, especially those who suffer from Alzheimers Disease and other dementia-related disorders
- **Home Care** services which promote, maintain or restore health for Older Adults or minimize the effects of illness or disability in the home setting
- **Respite Care** for Older Adults needing temporary care.

Baptist Retirement Homes benevolent ministries are supported through the generous gifts of North Carolina Baptists. When you make a gift to the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, your gifts help pay the cost of care for those who cannot financially afford to pay for the services they need.

Our goal for this year's North Carolina Offering for Older Adults is $450,000. Your gifts contribute directly toward "Making Life The Best of Times" for the Older Adults served through the benevolent ministry of Baptist Retirement Homes.

Baptist Retirement Homes Locations Statewide

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The Mandate Owner's Manual is designed to inform, inspire and involve. The Owner's Manual gives practical ideas on how to have an effective missions program in your church. It is filled with stories about N.C. Baptist men and women who are involved in a variety of missions projects. The Owner's Manual also provides 12 easy-to-use, ready-to-go monthly Baptist Men's or co-ed missions programs. Each of these 12 programs is built around a special video segment included on the MANDATE missions video magazine.

MANDATE, produced by the Baptist State Convention, is a monthly video program. MANDATE is mailed quarterly, and includes three monthly programs on each tape. MANDATE includes stories on state missions as well as foreign and home missions.

The Mandate Owner's Manual provides suggestions for a good Baptist Men's meeting, including information and discussion questions to precede and follow the showing of the video segment.

The cost to subscribe to MANDATE is $25 per year (this is for all four video tapes). One copy of the Owner's Manual is included with each subscription to MANDATE. Additional copies of the Owner's Manual can be purchased for $5 per manual. Subscription information is below.

Order a copy for each of the men in your church.

Our goal is not to push programs; our goal is to involve men in missions. This video and Owner's Manual is a new and different method, but we believe that it will be an excellent way to inform, inspire and involve your men and your church in doing missions.

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From Start to "New Beginnings"

Working with North Carolina Baptist Men in partnership with the Ukraine, we took a team in 1993 to work at a children's camp that was under construction in the small village of Kiylov. The Baptists were building the camp so the children could get away from the cities and the Chernobyl areas for a time of summer recreation in the fresh air of the countryside.

We did construction on the building during the day and had worship services and Bible studies at night in the unfinished building. Many of the adults of the area would come and tell us of their dreams. They hoped that someday they could have a place to worship and praise the Lord on the same site where the children's camp was located. That dream became our hope as we continued to work. We prayed that if it was God's will, we could help make this dream a reality.

In August 1994, we were able to take a second team back to work on the camp. Very little had been done since we were there in 1993, but with the money we were able to take, we purchased materials to work with. In a short time, work was underway again. We were able to accomplish much on the building, as well as do some witnessing and visiting in the neighborhood. We talked with the leaders of the church and the O'blast about beginning construction of a church building on the grounds where the camp was under construction. The church body was already in place. They had been meeting in the home of two sisters whose home was located next to the campsite. Everyone was overjoyed at the prospect of having a church building in which to worship. Before our team was ready to return home, we gathered the people together and broke ground for the new church building. Before we departed in August 1994, the bulldozer had cleared the grounds, dug the foundation, and the cornerstone was in place. God had answered our prayers. Now it was up to us as volunteers to help bring to fruition this worthwhile endeavor for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

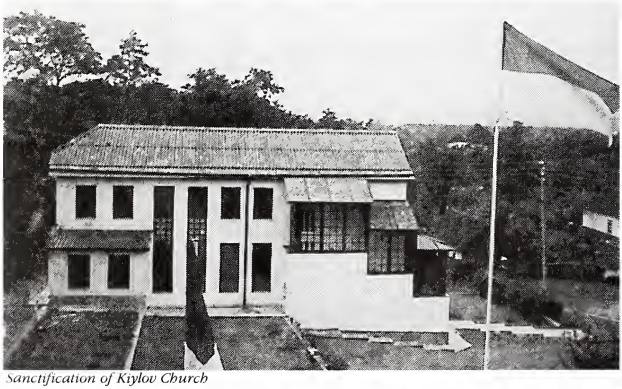
As the years have come and gone, we have been back to the Ukraine each year (sometimes twice) to give help to the people and financial help for the church construction. We have taken medical teams, dental teams, and pastors for evangelistic work, teachers to work in Bible school for the children and to hold seminars for the young people. We have worked at home to raise money for the Ukrainian church. Our friends here at home and in the churches where we have spoken about our mission work have been very generous to give funds for this wonderful cause.

George Stephens in the home of the two sisters where church group met in 1993.

On August 29, 1998, we were back in Kiylov with a medical team and Bible school teachers to work in the village. On Sunday, August 30, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., we were happy to celebrate with the Kiylov congregation in the "Sanctification of Kiylov Baptist Church." Now Kiylov Baptist Church is ready for their "new beginnings." "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!"

We would like to thank the Lord, first of all, for giving us the opportunity to participate and be a part of this work. We give Him all the glory and honor. We would like to thank each team member who has faithfully gone to work and serve the Lord in Kiylov. We would also like to thank each person and each church that has so willingly given to help finance this worthy project. We thank the Baptist Men of North Carolina for letting us be a part of this Partnership program. "TO GOD BE THE GLORY."

George & Jo Stephens
Wilmington, NC



Sanctification of Kiylov Church

Southern Africa Unfilled Requests

PROJECT # **DESCRIPTION**

EVANGELISM

SA164 .....Evangelistic Crusade-Evangelists and Singers: Need a team of 16 to conduct evangelistic crusades in some 16 churches. The group will be divided into small groups of preacher and singers and assigned to different areas. They will probably stay in homes. Each group would be expected to conduct meetings in the evenings, some in churches, tents, or school halls. During the day, the teams may be expected to do door-to-door visitation, tract distribution, schools, hospitals, or even counseling. This project is open to men, women, couples, and young people. (two weeks)

SA165 .....Sports/Evangelism Clinics: Need a team of two young men and two young women (very mature) to assist church youth in conducting basketball/volleyball clinics for the public. During the day, they will be involved in ministry with youth—possibly a youth camp with sports clinics in the afternoons. Young people need to be able to conduct/lead in these evening services. Most young people will be Muslims and Hindus with some Christians. Casual dress is accepted, except during the worship meetings where a coat/tie for young men and dresses for ladies will be acceptable. (two weeks)

CONSTRUCTION

SA61 .....Church Building Construction: Need an enthusiastic, energetic team of six to eight construction workers to lay foundation, build concrete block walls, and put on a new roof for new church building in Petrusville on the DeArr Circuit. Workers need to be able to share their faith totally in conjunction with their construction skills, and work within a multi-cultural environment. (two weeks)

SA79 .....Church Construction Team: Need an enthusiastic, energetic team of five construction team workers to assist in the building of a small, rural church building. Construction to consist of concrete block for walls and corrugated iron sheets for roof. Good working conditions with limited finances (very basic structure). (two weeks)

SA91 .....Rural Church Construction: Need an energetic, enthusiastic team of five healthy men to construct a small rural church building—concrete block for walls and corrugated iron roof. Good working conditions with limited finances. (two weeks)

SA163 .....Church Construction–Laudium Baptist Church: Need a team of eight to 10 men to complete the roof, install doors and windows, and to install ceiling and floor tiles. Team will do some ministry work—preaching on two Sundays, sharing testimonies, and leading/sharing in cell groups during the week. (two weeks)

SA172 .....Construction of Church Building: Need an experienced construction team (two bricklayers, one carpenter, one wall plasterer) to assist Klipspruit West

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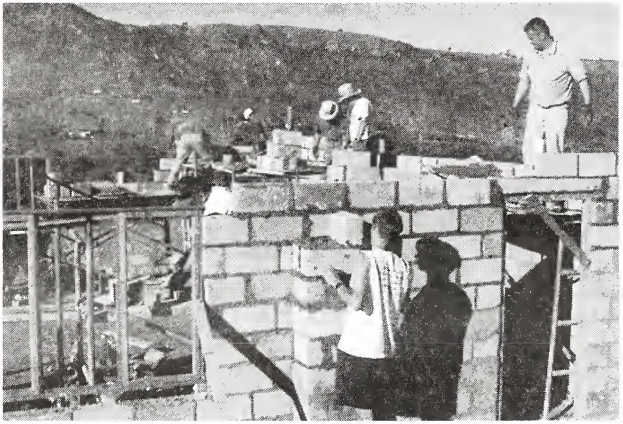
Baptist State Church in the completion of their church building. Local authorities have approved construction. Church is located in disadvantaged area of Johannesburg and will need some assistance with procuring further building supplies. (two weeks)

TRAINING

SA75 .....Skills Development Long-Range Project: A unique opportunity for a couple or individual to come for a four-month assignment to teach skills development which will encompass seven other teams comprised of three members each for two week projects. Couple will provide continuity and management responsibilities for the project while other teams come and go for 10 days at a time. Their responsibilities will be to plan and manage the progression of the project and provide good rapport with the leadership in the church. (four months)

SA103 .....Skills Training Program: Need energetic, enthusiastic couple to assist local congregation, Rev. Komako, Thabong Baptist Church, with a skills training program aimed at assisting church members in self-help skills. This program will give individuals assistance and incentive in beginning self-help programs. Couple requested will train in the areas of sewing, cooking and catering skills. (two weeks)

ists (carpenters/tailors/small business owners, etc.) to assist in skills training in a local congregation. Team needs to be able to teach skills, along with "how to" in business concepts: how to establish one's own small business, finances needed, training needed, etc. Seminars could be set up so that participants could receive skills training in the morning and then receive the business training in the afternoon. Most materials should be in simple and easy to duplicate format. Team will only have approximately six days to do training, so must be basic. (two weeks)



SA127 .....Laity Training: Need one energetic, enthusiastic team to facilitate training for a group of young adults/singles (eight to 10) in the areas of ministry to or with the disabled, divorcees (special ministries training). Basically, this is how to set up a ministry in a local church to minister to those with special needs. (2 weeks)

SA207 .....Skills Training/Business Enterprise Team: Need an enthusiastic, energetic team of six special-

OTHERS

SA4 .....Host/Hostess for Partnership House: Need an energetic, enthusiastic married couple to host and maintain the Partnership Hospitality House in Johannesburg. The couple should recognize hospitality as a gift, have a servant attitude, have a willingness to work within a team concept, and also be equipped in evangelism/one-on-one witnessing. This is an on-going project which becomes open mid December, 1998. Length of time is negotiable.

SA500 .....Support of South Africa Church Planters: There is a tremendous need for church planting, especially in the "squatters' villages". Many of the "squatters' villages" contain tens of thousands of people and no church at all. Therefore, the great need is for ethnic church planters. Support may be given by an individual, a church or an association.

For more information, please call Pam Uzzell at (800) 395–5102, or (919) 467–5100 ext. 322.

Watchman Prayer Ministry

"On our walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen: All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves: And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth." (Isa. 62:6–7, NASB).

THE NEED FOR PRAYER:

There is a great need for North Carolina Baptists to be praying for God to work in the lives of His people and His churches. We need renewal and revival in our churches and in our lives. We need Christians praying for God's leadership and guidance in volunteer mission efforts on disaster relief projects, partnership mission trips around the world and other places where Christians are seeking to serve Christ. If there is going to be renewal and revival, if mission trips are going to accomplish what God wants to accomplish, we must pray.

WHAT IS THE WATCHMAN PRAYER PLAN?

The Watchman Prayer Plan is an effort to have Christians "on watch" and praying 24 hours a day. To have North Carolina Baptists praying for missions needs and renewal and revival around the clock.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

NC Baptists commit to pray for one hour every week for a year. You commit to pray during the same hour of the same day, once a week. For example, if you commit to pray every Monday at 700 a.m., then you would pray from 7-8:00 a.m. every Monday for the next year. There are 168 hours during a week. The Watchman Prayer Plan seeks to enlist 168 different people or churches who will pray for one hour a week for a year. This way "watchman: are praying for renewal, revival, and mission efforts, 24 hours a day for the whole year. When one person finishes his "watch" another person takes over "watch."

HOW WILL I KNOW ABOUT PRAYER NEEDS?

There are several ways that you will be kept informed of prayer needs. First, we will e-mail or fax you a weekly prayer alert. This prayer alert will include urgent prayer requests from South Africa, Ukraine, India, disaster relief projects and other volunteer mission projects. These requests will be for things that are happening right now. If you do not have e-mail or fax capability, please give us the name of someone from your church that we could send an e-mail or fax to. Second, we are working to get software that will call watchmen at their appointed hour. This software would provide a recording that would remind you that you are on "watch" for the next hour and give you a prayer alert for that day.

We Need You. Will You Be A "Watchman?"

CLIP AND RETURN THIS FORM TO: NC BAPTIST MEN, PO BOX 1107, CARY, NC 27512

❑ ***Yes, I will be a "watchman." I will commit to praying one hour a week for the next year.***

I will pray every _____ (day of the week) from _____ till _____ (a.m or p.m).

Signed_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (w) ( )_____ Phone (h) ( )_____ Fax Number ( )_____

Would you like to be called when your "watch" begins? ❑ Yes ❑ No

If yes, at what number would you like to be called weekly? ( )_____

Do you have an e-mail address that we can send a weekly prayer alert to? ❑ Yes ❑ No

If yes, please print the address in this space._____

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Prepare Now to Send Your Boys to Camp

Camp Caraway enjoyed a wonderful summer in 1998. Attendance was up, spirits were high, and a sense of fun was enjoyed by all. Now is the time to begin making plans to send your boys to Caraway this summer. Camp is for boys age 9–17. Boys do not have to be members of Royal Ambassadors to attend. The cost of a week of camp (Monday morning through Friday lunch) is $105 per camper. This price includes all meals, lodging, program, and insurance. While at camp, boys will be under 24 hour supervision and will enjoy activities such as swimming, canoeing, archery, basketball, field sports, hiking, camping, and more. Older boys enjoy the ropes course and rappelling tower. Boys begin each day with a personal quiet time and end the day with cabin devotions. Each morning they spend time in Bible and Mission study with the camp pastor and missionary.

The following camp sessions are available for 1999:

- June 14–18 ....Regular week of camp
- June 21–25 ....Regular week of camp
- June 28–30 ....Father/Son mini week (for boys ages 6–9 and their dads)
- June 30–July 2 Father/Son mini week (for boys ages 6–9 and their dads)
- July 5–9.....Regular week of camp
- July 12–16.....Regular week of camp
- July 19–23.....Camp Angel Tree
- July 26–30.....Regular week of camp
- August 2–6 ....Regular week of camp
- August 8–11....Camp Kid-Care

For more information about camp, please check the appropriate box on the page 23, or call us at (800) 395–5102 ext. 335, or check out our website at www.campcaraway.org.

Distinguished Honor Chapters Recognized

The state Royal Ambassador Committee has announced Distinguished Honor Chapter recipients for 1997–98. This award is given in recognition to those chapters who attain outstanding achievement in certain vital areas of RA life, such as chapter meetings, advancement, mission projects, interest activities, among others. A form supplied by the North Carolina Baptist Men's department contains a checklist for those wishing to attain Honor Chapter status. Each chapter must then turn in a scrapbook containing elements from this checklist, chronicling the year's activities. Distinguished Honor Chapters are those chapters who go "above and beyond" in both the participation in and chronicling of missions involvement.

Distinguished Honor Chapters for 1997–98 are both the Crusader and Lad Chapters of Wilkesboro Church, Wilkesboro and the Crusader Chapter of Elizabeth Church, Shelby. Congratulations to these chapters on the fine work they are doing.

If you would like to involve your RAs in Honor Chapter consideration, please check the appropriate box on page 23, or call the North Carolina Baptist Men's office at (800) 395–5102 ext. 335.

RA Congresses Offer an Exciting Day

April 17, 1999 will be the day that hundreds of boys and their leaders gather for a celebration of Royal Ambassadors. The RA Congresses are held at three different locations across the state on the same day. The sites for this year's Congresses are First Church Kinston in the east, Mills Baptist Children's Home (Thomasville) in the central, and East Burke Middle School (Icard) in the west.

Participation is open to any child who is a member of the Royal Ambassador or MissionKids missions organizations in their church. The day begins with a morning program, which includes singing, a missionary speaker, and a Christian entertainer. After lunch, participants engage in fun field day activities such as sack races, tug-o-war, fifty-yard dash, a BB shoot, baseball throw, and more. Excellent mission project ideas can be gathered by browsing the mission fair area, where dozens of boys will have their missions involvement

exhibited. There will also be an RA Racecar run-off for those who won or placed second in their association.

Cost of the congress is only $5.00 per person (boys and adults). This covers program and lunch. Make sure and add this event to your calendar! Your boys will have a blast! For more information about this event mark the appropriate box on page 23, or call (800) 395–5102, ext. 335.

Missions Support Opportunity for Royal Ambassadors

Medical missions is an area that is growing by leaps and bounds. More and more, we are finding that some countries which were previously closed to the gospel will allow medical missionaries to enter. Royal Ambassadors all across North Carolina are encouraged to raise money to help in the purchase of a Digital Camera and Video Projection Unit to be used in medical/dental ministries in China. This equipment will help provide much-needed medical and dental care to people whom otherwise might not receive it. It will also be used by missionary doctors in teaching new techniques to Chinese doctors and dentists. Through the use of this equipment both patients and doctors will be exposed to the love of Christ in word and in deed.

Participants will collect dimes through the end of March. A "Digital Dimes" collection sheet is available from North Carolina Baptist Men by checking the appropriate box on page 23 or by calling (800) 395–5102, ext. 331 or 335.

Dimes or money collected can be sent to North Carolina Baptist Men at PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512. Make sure you designate it for "Digital Dimes".

MissionKids A Coed Option For Missions Education

More and more, churches today are faced with a number of cirriculum choices — especially when it comes to programming for children. Usually because of the lack of leadership, traditional missions education for children, such as RAs and GAs, are being dropped or combined with other programs. That is regrettable because missions education is a vital component of a child's total Christian development. Not only can children learn who missionaries are, where they serve, and what they do, but they also learn and experience how they can be missionaries themselves. One solution churches may want to consider is going to a coed missions education program such as MissionKids.

MissionKids is a coed program for boys and girls in grades 1–6. The weekly meeting consists of three fun and easy-to-plan parts: Missions Story, Missions Advancement/Bible Memorization, and Missions Activities. Mission stories are told through the eyes of MKs (missionary kids), who tell about the ministries their family is involved in. Bible Memorization helps children learn verses that emphasize the gospel message so vital to a missionary's service. Mission activities are designed to provide fun games and crafts, which focus on missions learning.

Curriculum consists of a leader's book, which contains session plans and reproducible story and activity pages for a full year. The leader's book also contains a training section for leaders and a planning section for organization. There are also individual activity books for each child, based on his or her grade in school. Children can earn a certificate for their participation. These same certificates can be dressed up by the earning of activity book completion ribbons and elective stamps throughout the year. The program also includes ideas for involving children in monthly mission projects, as well as ideas for outreach and fun interest activities.

To receive more information on this fun and inspirational missions program, please check the box on page 23, or call (800) 395–5102, ext. 335. You may also refer to the North American Mission Board catalogue (available from the Baptist Men's department), or your local Baptist Book Store.

RA Race Car Information

Each year many RA chapters across the state participate in RA Racecars. This pinewood derby event has been a favorite of Royal Ambassador boys for years. Not only are the cars fun to race, but the process of building them gives the boys a chance to work side by side with their dads or RA counselors. Most chapters order their car kits in December or early January. Construction of cars takes place in January or February. Many local Baptist Associations hold an associational RA Racecar meet and mission fair in March. Check with your local Baptist Association for location and date. Winners from the associations compete at the state level at the RA Congresses, which will be held April 17 in 1999.

RA Racecars can be ordered by mail or fax only. The official order form can be found in the current North American Mission Board Resource Catalog. (Call NCBM at (800) 395–5102, ext. 331 if you need one). Regular kits consist of a 7" long by 1 3/4" wide block of wood, four wheels, four axles, RA emblem sticker, and number stickers. Price is $3.65 for 1-2 cars. There are several price breaks for larger orders. Precut Kits (12 different designs) are also available for an additional cost.

Keeping in mind that the purpose of Royal Ambassadors is missions, it is always a good idea to combine the RA Racecar experience with a missions experience. One way is to have a missions fair in conjunction with a race. Another way is to have the boys recruit "sponsors," who will give a certain amount of money to missions.

Young Men Needed to Serve at Camp

The Baptist Men's department is now in the process of hiring the summer staff for Camp Caraway. Caraway is the boys summer camp near Asheboro. The camp session for 1999 begins June 6 and runs through August 7. The first week is an orientation time in which staff will learn all aspects of ministering to boys in a camp setting. Each week the staff reports at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening for staff meeting. The boys arrive on Monday morning and depart Friday after lunch each week. Weekends are free for the staff to enjoy camp or to go home if they wish.

The staff of 24 consists of 16 college-aged counselors, six high school-aged (completed junior or senior year) counselors-in-training, a lifeguard, and an assistant director. All positions are salaried, with counselors and lifeguard receiving $130 per week and counselors-in-training $85. Prospective staff members fill out an application available from the North Carolina Baptist Men's office. They then have a personal interview time with the camp director.

If you or someone you know would like to be part of a dynamic ministry team this summer and really have an impact on young lives, please contact North Carolina Baptist Men at (800) 395–5102, ext. 335. You can also check out our website at www.campcaraway.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RA Congresses	Saturday, April 17, 1999
RA Track Meet	Saturday, May 15, 1999
Camp Caraway	Begins June 14, 1999
Christian High Adventure	Begins June 6, 1999
Father/Son Mini-Camps	June 28-30; June 30–July 2
RA Camporee.....	September 17–18, 1999

Thanks from Angel Tree and Kid-Care Campers!

Once again, North Carolina Baptists from all across the state have provided a tremendous camping experience for children who ordinarily would not be able to attend. Camp Angel Tree is a week of camp for boys who have a parent in prison. Camp Kid-Care is a session of camp for children who are HIV positive or who have a family member who is. Both of these camps are sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men and are held at Camp Caraway, near Asheboro.

Out of 89 campers attending Camp Angel Tree this year, 24 of them made first time decisions to accept Christ as their Savior. Many of the boys this year were repeat campers, who are growing spiritually by continual exposure to the Christian environment camp provides. The children who attended Camp Kid-Care enjoyed the same sense of Christ's love. They also got the chance to 'just be kids again' and escape the burdens that are upon them, even if only for a while. Thanks to those of you who gave and those of you who provided transportation. Without your help, these two vital ministries do not happen.

The cost of sponsoring a boy for a week of Camp Angel tree is $100. Cost of sponsoring a child for the four-day, three-night Camp Kid-Care is $70. Won't you consider helping in making the dream of camp a reality to these kids who need it so much? Please check the appropriate box on page 23, or call (800) 395–5102, ext. 335 for information.

"See College Days" A Fun Opportunity for RAs

Baptist college campuses across the state will be the scene for "See College Days" in upcoming months. "See College Days" is an opportunity for RAs, Challengers, and other church youth groups to tour local Baptist college campuses, enjoy a program and lunch, and see an exciting college ballgame. The following college campuses will be conducting "See College Days" in the coming months:

February 20:
Campbell vs. Troy State in basketball
9:00 a.m.–registration; 12:00 noon–lunch
2:00 p.m.–game; Activities throughout the day.

Cost: $5.00 per person *(includes lunch)*
Contact: *Margaret at (800) 334–4111, ext. 1219 for reservations.*

Church Day with Wake Forest Men's Basketball

WAKE FOREST vs. VIRGINIA

January 2 — 12 noon

Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Winston-Salem, NC

TICKETS ONLY $10.00

Organize your group (10 or more) to join Coach Odom and the Wake Forest Basketball team for an afternoon of hoops action. This is our lowest ACC ticket offer of the season Call (336) 758–5009 for tickets.

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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Order Total $____
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Name_____
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For more information check the appropriate item on page 23 or contact John Roberson at the Baptist Building, (800) 395-5102 or (919) 467-5100, Ext. 119, or jrobers@bscnc.org

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